

**Northern Virginia Regional Local Human Rights Committee**  
**Monday March 6 at 6:30pm**  
**NVTC, Building #1, Executive Conference Room**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Patricia Fuller	present	W. Bruce Jennings	present
Ann Pascoe	present	Ivenia May	excused
Mary Grady-Griffith	present	<b>Human Rights Advocate</b>	<b>Status</b>
A.Michelle Petrini	present	Musa Ansari	excused
Denise Kaffka	absent	Tim Simmons	present

**General Attendance:** Desi Farren (Recovery Center of Northern VA), Dru Heller (Dominion Hospital), Elise Madison (Family Preservation), Fran McFadyen (Institute for Family Centered Services), Jean Reynolds (Dominion Hospital), Anne Stockbridge-late arrival (Family Priority, LLC), Melissa Payne (FMTC/ WMTC), Paul Scott (Institute for Family Centered Services), and Tony Randall (Institute for Family Centered Services).

**Meeting Minutes:**

Call to Order.

**Review Minutes:** December corrected Minutes accepted. February Minutes accepted as written. Revision of bylaws discussed. The Chair (supported by the Committee) has instituted a Subcommittee to revise the bylaws. Ann Pascoe and Michelle Petrini will be on the Subcommittee and will report status and draft(s) to Committee.

New Member update: no new applications received. Michelle will make another attempt to contact Suzanne Schuler for an interview and will report back to the Committee. No new applicants received.

**Program Presentation:** Copy of updated presentation schedule w/ changes noted was provided to Committee members. The following programs presented: Institute for Family Centered Services- Fran McFadyen, Tony Randall and Paul Scott, Dominion Hospital- Jean Reynolds and Dru Heller, Family Priority, LLC- Anne Stockbridge and FMTC/ WMTC- Melissa Payne. Programs conducted their presentations and provided informational materials to the Committee and then departed after their respective presentation.

**Brief Break.**

**Non-affiliated programs** Family Preservation Services, Inc.- Elise Madison and Recovery Center of NOVA- Desi Farren, discussed their respective non-affiliation status and reasons for the non-affiliation status. The Committee will provide a written decision to the respective programs, no later than 30 days (per previous all Committee agreement). Both programs provided a signed Affiliation Agreement, \$50 dues and completed Application/ Renewal Form to the Committee. In addition, each program signed up to present their respective program during the Sept/ Oct meeting. Both programs departed at the end of the presentations.

The Committee discussed the non-compliance of these programs. In addition, the Advocate discussed the decisions made by the Committee with regard to the decision and manner in which the Committee decided to non-affiliate these programs. The following action was agreed upon by the Committee: Family Preservation Services, Inc application will be accepted. Recovery Center of NOVA application will be accepted.

**Agency updates:** Kellar Center has new contact person- info was provided to the Advocate via email. The advocate has sent a "blue book" to the new contact- per email request. No other

program updates at this time.

**Communication w/ HR and LHRC:** LHRC will pursue acquiring a PO box and will discuss a mass mailing to introduce the new address to all programs. All Committee members agreed to do the mass mailing within the next few months to avoid confusion with the mailings related to the November Mandatory Annual Meeting. LHRC business cards will be included in addition to the Advocates business cards. Mailing month/ date to be determined. NVTC does not have voicemail capabilities. NVTC can allow LHRC access to a bulletin board but discussion about whether this is the best way to make LHRC info “public”. The Committee will continue to discuss this item.

**Advocates Report:** Formal complaint at Dominion. Advocate and licensure conducted the investigation. Circumstances re: the alleged incident and some follow up action was discussed by the Advocate. Dominion is drafting an action plan that the Advocate will share with the Committee once it is received.

**Old Business:** Whitman-Walker Clinic check has not yet been received by Beyond Behaviors. WWC reports the check has been sent. The Chair will update the Committee if the check is not received and discuss further action, as necessary. Committee Member suggested developing a data base to monitor programs that have been non-compliant with the Annual Meeting, submission of Affiliation Agreement and submission of Dues. The Chair will develop this data base and provide the info to the Committee.

**New Business:** Recruitment and how to increase exposure and knowledge of Committee’s existence. Suggestions made to investigate local newspaper ads, public service announcements (PSA), TV announcement of LHRC and local TV interview programs. Committee Member Pa Fuller will investigate newspaper options and PSA and provide information at the next meeting. The Chair discussed a project that she has been working on with the other Advocate: Deb Lockhart, which involves having all of the Northern Virginia LHRC Chair’s meet to collaborate and share information. The Chair will continue to update the Committee on the status of this project and provide information received from other LHRC’s.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:00pm. Next meeting April 3, 2006.